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mothy Gripe, the Justice, and his
Friend *Graspall*, who endeavoured to
deprive him of Part of his Tythes;
upon which she, in Conjunction with
her Brother, defended him, and the
Cause was tried in *Westminster-hall*,
where Mr. *Smith* gained a Verdict;
and it appearing that Sir *Timothy*
had behaved most scandalously, as a
Justice of the Peace, he was struck
off the List, and no longer permitted
to act in that Capacity. This was a
Cut to a Man of his imperious Dis-
position, and this was followed by one
yet more severe; for a Relation of his,
who had an undoubted Right to the
Mouldwell Estate, finding that it was
possible to get the better at Law of a
rich Man, laid Claim to it, brought his
Action, and recovered the whole Ma-
nor of *Mouldwell*; and being after-
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wards inclined to sell it, he, in Con-
sideration of the Aid Lady *Margery*
had lent him during his Distress, made
her the first Offer, and she purchased
the Whole, and threw it into different
Farms, that the Poor might be no
longer under the Dominion of two
over-grown Men.

This was a great Mortification to
Sir *Timothy*, as well as to his Friend
Graspall, who from this Time expe-
rienced nothing but Misfortunes, and
was in a few Years so dispossessed of
his Ill-gotten Wealth, that his Family
were reduced to seek Subsistence from
the Parish, at which those who had
felt the Weight of his Iron Hand re-
joiced; but Lady *Margery* desired,
that his Children might be treated
with Care and Tendernefs; for they,
says she, are no Ways accountable for
the Actions of their Father.

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